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Year 1996-97		
1.	Kalyan Parishad, Hyder Canal, Bheri Mandi, Lucknow (U.P.)	1,20,000
2.	Bhagath Singh Youth Club, and Reading Room, Kozhikode, Kerala	32,600
3.	Sri Sanjay Prasad Singh Gramin Nigrani Samiti, Babu Tola, Saran, Bihar	30,500
4.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Memorial Society, Debeer Pura, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	45,500
5.	Adhivakta Janseva Sansthan, New Hyderabad, Lucknow, U.P.	30,000
	Total	2,58,600

Use of Hindi

4856. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not constituting the Hindi Advisory Committee under the Ministry;

(b) whether in the absence of non Government observer, the Chairman and the Member of Official Language Implementation Committees at all level do not use Hindi in original work themselves;

(c) whether all work is done in English since all modern equipment such as computer, telex etc. are acquired in Roman;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which Hindi Advisory Committee is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Ministry of Food has been constituted.

(b) Chairman and the Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee as far as possible do their maximum Official work in Hindi.

(c) No, Sir. All computers and telex are bilingual.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In view of the reply of part (a), question does not arise.

Leopards

4857. SHRI SATYAJIT SINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of Traffic India captioned "Leopards facing extinction" appearing in the 'Statesman' of April 8, 1997 stating that Leopards are moving towards extinction even faster then the Indian Tigers;

(b) whether seizures of parts and skins of leopards and tigers show poaching of five leopards against one tiger; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to protect these endangered species?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. But the reported number of leopard skins seized does not mean that all those leopards have been killed during the same period. It was infact special measures taken by the Central and State Governments, which resulted in increased detection of wildlife offences and the stock of earlier killings were also detected during this period.

(c) The step taken by the Government to protect these endangered species is given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

(i) Hunting of wild animals included in Schedules I to IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, has been banned by law.

(ii) Special measures for protection and conservation of tiger, elephants and rhinos and their habitat are being implemented.

(iii) A network of 441 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 80 National Parks covering 1,48,000 sq. km. has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. The Govt. of India have also launched the "Project Tiger" and "Project Elephant" in the years 1973 and 1991 respectively to give impetus to the conservation of these wild animals. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government under various centrally sponsored plan schemes, including the Project Tiger and Project Elephant Schemes, and for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries on request from the State Governments.

(iv) Raids are carried out by the wildlife, authorities, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife animals reaches them.